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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION

CHARLES SLAUGHTER

PLAINTIFF

V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:20-CV-789-CWR-FKB

DR. DANIEL P. EDNEY, IN  
HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
HEALTH OFFICER

DEFENDANT

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION FOR  
HOME CARE

INTERVENOR DEFENDANT

DEPOSITION OF CHARLES SLAUGHTER

Taken at the instance of the Defendant at Butler  
Snow, LLP, 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite  
1400 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157, on Wednesday,  
March 22, 2023,  
beginning at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTED BY:

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1 MR. RICE: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Well, sure. Any --

3 MR. RICE: Just let me put an objection  
4 on the record. Objection to form, but you can  
5 answer.

6 THE WITNESS: Sure. Anytime you open a  
7 business, you have to look at expenses, what it  
8 would take. And I've done that. In fact, if  
9 we -- if I was able to do it, the way I would want  
10 to do it, and I think would open up for other  
11 physical therapists and occupational therapists.

12 Because the two schools, there's not a  
13 shortage like there was back when this was done.  
14 And so if a physical therapist, an occupational  
15 therapist, a nurse, a speech therapist and a  
16 couple of aids opened one, then you would only  
17 have the expense of the people who were actually  
18 providing the care. You wouldn't have a big  
19 bureaucracy. So we could lower the cost of home  
20 health agencies, which is a big thing because if  
21 we don't do something for Medicare, the  
22 projections is that it will go bankrupt by 2030.  
23 So this is a way to reduce the cost of home health  
24 care.

25 Q. (By Ms. Smith) We're going to go get